



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

RECOVERY MONTH

- WHEREAS: Behavioral health is an essential part of health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS: Addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves the functions of the brain, and may affect Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds. Addiction imposes enormous physical, medical, and economic costs on both affected individuals and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Initiatives to prevent substance use disorders are especially important for stopping addiction before it starts. Preventing and overcoming mental disorders and substance abuse issues are essential steps to promoting healthy lifestyles, communities, and families; and
- WHEREAS: Treatment has been scientifically proven to be the most effective intervention for dealing with addiction. Treatments for addiction help people recover, thereby saving and changing lives; and
- WHEREAS: Thousands of health care providers and other concerned individuals have dedicated their lives to prevention programs, recovery processes, and the education of both policymakers and the public regarding the dangers of substance abuse; and
- WHEREAS: During Recovery Month, organizations including ACT D/F Viewpoint Health broaden efforts to raise awareness for individuals who are currently working to overcome addictions through treatment; and
- WHEREAS: During this month, we are reminded to encourage relatives, friends, and fellow community members to implement preventative measures, to be aware of the signs of mental and substance use disorders, and to help those struggling to find appropriate treatment and support services; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as RECOVERY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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